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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MARITZA VELEZ,

ORDER

Plaintiff, : 23-CV-09553 (MKV) (KHP)

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-against-

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COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

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Defendant.

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KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge.

This case has been referred to me for a report and recommendation. The parties shall meet and confer to discuss whether they jointly consent to decision of this action by a United States Magistrate Judge (that is, the undersigned), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If the parties jointly consent, they shall complete the consent form available on the Court's website at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge and return the form to the Clerk of the Court.

If either or both parties do not consent, counsel for Plaintiff shall file a letter on ECF no later than **Wednesday**, **December 20**, **2023** representing that the parties met and conferred but that they do not jointly consent. The letter should not indicate any particular party's consent or non-consent.

This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to decision by a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). There will

be no adverse consequences if the parties withhold their consent, but granting consent may result in a faster and more efficient resolution of this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 1, 2023

New York, NY

KATHARINE H. PARKER

United States Magistrate Judge

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